

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 632 without my signature.

This bill fails to protect children and women from sexual predators. Rather than putting the focus on protecting kids and others from sexual offenders, AB 632 simply grows government. Under this bill not one sexual offender will spend one day longer in prison, not one sexual offender will be prohibited from living near schools, not one sexual offender will be monitored by GPS, not one sexual offender will incur more time on parole, not one parent will be given information to keep their children safe, not one more peace officer will be given resources or tools to protect our communities.

I have opposed measures to weaken Three-Strikes and supported measures to increase the amount of resources and tools available for law enforcement. Just this year I have signed several bills that will protect our children. These bills will result in a safer California by prohibiting sex offenders from living near schools and closing loopholes in our sentencing laws that allow some child abusers escape from punishment. However, there is much more that can be done to protect our communities from sexual predators.

All of these things can be done and should be done. The best way to protect our communities is for the Legislature to pass my comprehensive sex offender punishment and control reform contained in bills AB 231 and SB 588. Until we take real action, the creation of just another government board may make some feel better but will not result in protecting our neighborhoods.

This bill is a recipe to create more red-tape, not public safety.

For these reasons I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger